## IN THE CLAIMS:

1.      (Currently Amended)  A method in a data processing system for researching text in an electronic book, the method comprising:

receiving a user input selecting the text from the electronic book, wherein the user input tags a beginning point and an ending point of any portion of text in the electronic book to form selected text and wherein the selected text is identified by a user after the electronic book is displayed; and

automatically initiating a search for at least one item relevant to the selected text in response to receiving the user input.

2.      (Original)  The method of claim 1, wherein at least one item is at least one of a Web page, a Web site, another electronic book, an electronic document, and a universal resource locator.

3.      (Original)  The method of claim 1 further comprising:
storing the selected text in a data structure.

4.      (Original)  The method of claim 2, wherein data structure is a search profile.

5.      (Original)  The method of claim 1, wherein the selected text is highlighted text.

6.      (Original)  The method of claim 5, wherein the highlighted text is text in a different color from unselected text, bolded text, and text with a different font type from unselected text.

7.      (Currently Amended)  The method of claim [[5]] 1, wherein the highlighted selected text is a notated passage of text in the electronic book and wherein the notated passage of text is a user created note associated with at least a portion of the electronic book.

8.      (Canceled)


9.      (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
receiving a result from the searching; and
presenting the result.


10.     (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of receiving a result is initiated using a search engine.


11.     (Currently Amended) A method in a data processing system for searching text, the method comprising:
        designating the text to use in a search based on a user selected beginning point and a user selected ending point of any portion of text located in an electronic document;
        responsive to a designation of designating the text in an the electronic document to use in the search, placing the text in a data structure, wherein the data structure is a search profile;
        transmitting the data structure to a search engine; and
        receiving results from the search engine.


12.     (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the text includes a user created note associated with the text data structure is a search profile.


13.     (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the search profile includes search criteria.


14.     (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the electronic document is at least one of an electronic book and a Web page.


15.     (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the electronic document is a Web page further comprises:


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downloading the results from the search engine; and

displaying the results from the search engine.

16.     (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein ~~the designation of~~ designating the text further comprises ~~is made by~~ highlighting the text in the electronic document.

17.     (Canceled)

18.     (Currently Amended) A data processing system for researching highlighted text in an electronic book, a data processing system comprising:

receiving means for receiving a user input selecting the text from the electronic book to form selected text, wherein the user input tags a beginning point and an ending point of any portion of text in the electronic book to form selected text and wherein the selected text is identified by a user after the electronic book is displayed; and

initiating means for automatically initiating a search for at least one item relevant to the selected text in response to receiving the user input.

19.     (Currently Amended) A ~~method in a~~ data processing system for searching text, the ~~method~~ data processing system comprising:

designating means for designating the text to use in a search based on a user selected beginning point and a user selected ending point of any portion of text located in an electronic document;

responsive to ~~a designation of~~ designating the text in ~~an~~ the electronic document to use in the search, placing means for placing the text in a data structure, wherein the data structure is a search profile;

transmitting means for transmitting the data structure to a search engine; and

receiving means for receiving results from the search engine.

20.     (Currently Amended) A data processing system comprising:

a bus system;

a communication unit connected to the bus system;

a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the memory includes a set of instructions; and

a processing unit connected to the bus system, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instruction to receive ~~receiving~~ a user input selecting the text from the electronic book to form selected text, wherein the user input tags a beginning point and an ending point of any portion of text in the electronic book to form selected text and wherein the selected text is identified by a user after the electronic book is displayed; and automatically initiate ~~initiating~~ a search for at least one item relevant to the selected text in response to receiving the user input.

21.     (Currently Amended)  A computer program product in a computer readable medium for researching highlighted text in an electronic book, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for receiving a user input selecting the text from the electronic book to form selected text, wherein the user input tags a beginning point and an ending point of any portion of text in the electronic book to form selected text and wherein the selected text is identified by a user after the electronic book is displayed; and

second instructions for automatically initiating a search for at least one item relevant to the selected text in response to receiving the user input.